



CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of the February 5, 2007 Meeting



Commissioners Present: Sheilah Altomare; Michele Castro; Martin David, Chair; Marwan Fawal; Jackie Moore; and P.J. Vaswani

Commissioners Absent: Al Silva (excused)

Staff Liaison: Pam Morrison, Staff Liaison

Visitors: Jim Narveson, representing Santa Clara Players and Arts Walk Santa Clara; Sharon Kaye, Mission City Opera; Annie Metheany-Pyle, Santa Clara Chorale; Richard Webber, Santa Clara Ballet Association; Preston Metcalf and Ester Fernandez, Triton Museum of Art; Andy Ratermann, representing Santa Clara Sister Cities Association and Santa Clara Boy Scouts

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – None.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair David. Commissioner Moore moved to excuse Commissioner Silva; Commissioner Castro seconded the motion and it passed unanimously
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from the November 6, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Castro moved to accept the minutes as presented; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The minutes from the December 4, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Castro moved to accept the minutes as presented; Commissioner Altomare seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. **Correspondence & Announcements:**
 - a. Budget schedule for 2007-08: Letters will go out at the end of February inviting all currently funded cultural groups to apply for funding for fiscal year 2007-08.
 - b. Staff reviewed the correspondence received by the Commission, including an invitation to the rededication of the Senior Center, and a workshop flier from CompassPoint.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Mission City Opera – Retroactive Request for Funding from Recent Production.** Sharon Kaye with Mission City Opera presented information from the recent production of Mozart's "Magic Flute."
 - b. **Santa Clara Chorale – Request for Funding from Recent Production.** Annie Metheany-Pyle, representing the Santa Clara Chorale, updated the Commission on the Chorale and its activities. She presented a funding request for the Chorale's December 2007 concert, which

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was budgeted in the 2006-07 fiscal year. Commissioner Castro made a motion to release payment of \$3,400 to the Chorale, which was seconded by Commissioner Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Santa Clara Players – Request for Funding from Recent Production.** Jim Narveson, representing Santa Clara Players, presented a funding request for the Santa Clara Players' production of "Don't Dress for Dinner," which was budgeted in the 2006-07 fiscal year. Commissioner Castro moved to release payment of \$1,440 to the Players; Commissioner Altomare seconded the motion and it passed unanimously..
- d. **Santa Clara Ballet Association – Request for Funding from Recent Production.** Dennis Richard Webber, representing Santa Clara Ballet, presented information on the recent successful performances of "The Nutcracker Ballet." Commissioner Fawal made a motion to approve the previously budgeted \$13,000 payment to the Ballet. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Castro and was unanimously passed.
- e. **Arts Walk Santa Clara.** Jim Narveson, representing Arts Walk Santa Clara, reported that a fundraising 5k walk would be held on Saturday, April 14 in Santa Clara Central Park. All proceeds from the walk go to designated arts organizations (participants can specify the recipient organization). Chair David requested staff to look into how the Commission might participate in the walk, and provide a report at the March meeting.
- f. **Concerts in the Park – Selection of Performers for Summer 2007.** Commissioner Moore reported that six of the nine performance dates were filled, and that she was awaiting confirmation from the final three performers. Commissioner Moore will provide the final list of performers at the March meeting.
- g. **Development of Art in Public Places Brochure for City Website.** Staff noted that the City's Art in Public Places brochure is in need of updating. Although there is no budget to produce a printed brochure, resources are available to produce an online version of the brochure. Commissioner Fawal volunteered to help research updated information for the brochure, and Chair David volunteered to write any needed text.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. **Arts Conference Presented by the California Arts Council.** Chair David reported on his attendance at a conference presented by the California Arts Council.
- b. **Sculpture Exhibition 2007 – Update.** Staff reported that 217 sculptures from 83 artists were submitted for the sculpture exhibition. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Altomare made a motion to have three jurors rather than the full commission to select the winning sculptures, and nominated Chair David, Commissioner Castro, and Commissioner Moore to serve as the three jurors. Commissioner Fawal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The jurors agreed to meet on Sunday, February 11 to review the entries.

Andy Ratemann, representing the Santa Clara Boy Scouts, announced that two troops had volunteered to serve as docents for the sculpture show opening reception.

- c. **Street Dance 2007 – Update.** Commissioners Moore and Castro volunteered to set a meeting with the Franklin Square merchants to discuss the possibility of an additional street dance.
- d. **Triton Museum of Art – Report of Activities.** Ester Fernandez, Curator of Education, and

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Preston Metcalf, Manager of External Affairs/Associate Curator, gave an update on the Triton Museum of Art activities, including upcoming shows and classes, copies of museum printed materials, and information about museum exhibitions on the road. The next Family Art Day is scheduled for March 31 and it is expected to be well attended. Museum Director George Rivera is doing artist portfolio reviews, and many artists are taking advantage of this service. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Mr. Metcalf and Ms. Fernandez for their presentation. Staff distributed the Triton's Report of Activities for the months of December 2006 and January 2007.

6. **Public Presentations.** Andy Ratermann, representing the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, requested Commissioners to assist once again with judging of this year's Young Artists Competition.
7. **Adjournment.** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Castro
Recording Secretary